

# The Ridgerunner

June 2014

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## **Notes From Your HOA President**

Well, the temperatures are up and the traffic is down. It must be summer in Green Valley. As we await the arrival of the monsoon season, we are enjoying the warmth with the low humidity and plenty of parking spaces at Safeway.

As usual, most of us are looking forward to the monsoon for the moisture we need and the spectacular lightning shows they bring.

I will put in my second plug to all of you about running for the HOA Board later this year. As I stated last month, there will be two positions up for voting this year. The terms of office for these two positions are 3 years.

Once the Board of Directors are elected, or appointed, the directors will decide at their first Board meeting which of the five directors will serve in each of the four officer positions; President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer. This selection process comes after discussions about who would like to serve in which position.

The continuity books we are creating for each position will help you perform your duties. Also, there are many members with past experience in all of the positions who continue to make themselves available to help you.

If you are at all interested in serving on our board of directors, please contact me, or any of the officers, to get more information about these important positions. Anything our Board of Directors can accomplish for our HOA is simply items we do NOT have to pay our management company to accomplish for us.

*Jim Chisholm*

## **Meeting Date Change!!**

GVR has been directed to close early, 6pm, at all centers on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day so that their staff can enjoy the holidays with their families.

They have moved our BOD meeting reservation from November 26th to a week earlier on November 19th from 6:30pm – 9pm.

Please be advised that our Board of Directors Meeting, and the preceding Architectural Review Committee Meeting, will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your understanding.

## **Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Report**

Effective immediately the ARC committee will be sending the ARC request approvals as a PDF attachment to your phonebook email address to speedup notifications. Please check the HOA phonebook for correct information and notify the HOA of any corrections.

*Dave Churchill*

## **Reminders**

Trees between any homeowner and the Santa Rita Mountains are to be no higher than eighteen feet (18').

All trees and bushes must be trimmed so they do not block public sidewalks.

## **Recent Transfers**

Lot 124 - Gary & Henrietta Johnson to George Cossette & Nancy Cossette

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## **Waste Management Update**

Waste Management recently notified the HOA, as per our contract, that rates for waste hauling will increase 2.7% effective July 1st. This is an increase of approximately \$1.90 per four month period (\$70.90 for a four month billing cycle). Bills covering the period from July forward will include the increase.

As a reminder, if you use a vacation hold for less than 6 months, there is no restart fee.

## **Social Committee**

Not everyone leaves Portillo Ridge in the summer! We hope to see many of you at our annual July 4th Potluck, a casual evening of food & fun from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Madera Vista. We crowned some new champs at last year's water balloon toss competition! Who will take the title this year? Come & join us to find out – maybe it will be you!

We're still looking for someone to run our 2014 Holiday Party. Do you enjoy holiday festivities? Are you in town during the winter months? Are you looking for a way to contribute to our HOA but don't want a long-term commitment? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you're the person we need! Please volunteer to take charge of this one event.

If you have any questions about the July 4th Potluck or about running the Holiday Party, please contact me, Lynn Chisholm, at [arichizona@cox.net](mailto:arichizona@cox.net) or 777-8334.

## **GVC Traffic & Arroyo Update**

Continental Shopping Plaza recently resurfaced and restriped their parking lot and changed the traffic flow in front of Safeway. When you enter the shopping center, the roadway now reduces to one in lane instead of two. The first entryway into Safeway is the third bay of parking, not the second. The two southern most bays of parking are now two ways with straight head-in parking. The purpose of all of the changes is to provide better traffic flow and reduce accidents.

Esperanza was recently "milled and filled" from the interstate to the west end of Esperanza. Esperanza is now a pleasant road to drive! Sometime in the next 12 to 18 months the section of Esperanza under the interstate will also be resurfaced. It is expected that at that time, traffic flow of southbound vehicles exiting the interstate at Esperanza will change. The change will be similar to the Continental exit.

*Donna Severidt*

## **Lewis Management Company**

Lewis Management continues to help remind us about keeping Portillo Ridge looking great. There were only a few violation letters that have been sent out in the last few months by Lewis Management. Almost all of them were "Friendly Reminders" about weeds in our yards and a few trees and bushes getting a little out of compliance.

If you should have any questions about a violation letter, please contact Lewis Management at (520) 742-5674.

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## **2014 Food Bank Committee Report**

### **"Spring" Food Drive Report**

This was a very successful drive. The donations totaled 327 lbs. of food and \$1,650.00. These donations qualify our Green Valley Food Bank for a portion of the Feinstein Challenge. Your donations allow local families to shop two times each month. Your donations are sorted and dispersed depending on size and date to the Food Bank shelves for clients, Links, (an after school program), Genesis House, Arivaca Food Kitchen, or depending on the best buy date to the Swivel Animal Rescue, (canned goods over 1 year old, soft sided products over 6 months old).

Thank you for your continued support of our local food bank as we continue to fight hunger in Green Valley. Our "Fall" Food Drive" will be in November.

A big "thank you" to our committee volunteers who helped with this drive- Margaret Bangs, Deanna Brooks, Larry Parker, Pat Cleveland & Anne Morrison.

*Sandy Churchill  
Food Drive Chairman*



Receiving our donations are- Mike the warehouse assistant manager and 3 volunteer food sorters.

## **2014 Phone Books**

Your 2014 Green Valley and Portillo Ridge phonebooks were delivered to all available residences in March. If you did not receive one, please call Jim Chisholm at 777-8334 or send an email to [portilloridgehoa@yahoo.com](mailto:portilloridgehoa@yahoo.com).

## **Concern and Caring Committee**

If you know of a neighbor who would appreciate receiving a comforting note due to serious illness, hospitalization, or bereavement, please contact Jan Sink at 625-9471 or Lynn Chisholm 777-8334 or E-mail – [arichizona@cox.net](mailto:arichizona@cox.net)

## **CC&R Guideline Reminders**

### **Vehicles Parked in Driveways**

We have been receiving concerns about cars not being parked properly. Per Section 5.21.1 all cars are to be parked only in your garage. If you are not able to park your cars in your garage, please make arrangements to store your vehicles elsewhere. If you have a temporary situation (e.g. visitors), please contact a Board member.

### **Post Lights**

Just as a reminder, the maximum effective wattage for all outdoor lights is 40 effective incandescent (not LED) watts. If your light has more than one bulb, the total wattage for all the bulbs together is 40 effective watts. See ARC Guidelines Section 2.1 for details.

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## Lot For Sale

Lot 60 is for sale. Please contact the owner, Lilianna Wolodko, at 847-696-3383 for details. (No real estate agents please.) Please note this is a Central Time Zone phone number.

## Humor

### **The Accountant vs. God**

For many years a meek accountant, who was also a very religious man, prayed long and hard that God would appear to him. One day, his prayers were answered.

"What can I do for you?" asked God in a calm booming voice.

"Oh my goodness Lord! I can't believe that You would take the time to visit me, a meek accountant. Compared to You, I am just a speck of dust in the universe, while You are so great and powerful," said the accountant.

"That is right," said God.

"And a million years is just like a minute to You," said the accountant.

"Right again, a million years is just like a minute to Me."

"And a million dollars is just like a penny to You."

"You're right there, too. A million dollars is just like a penny to Me."

"Well, God," asked the accountant, "do You think You might be able to give me a few pennies?"

"Of course, my child," boomed the answer, "just wait a minute."

## Save the Date!

### **Portillo Ridge July 4<sup>th</sup> Potluck**

If you've decided to stay home for the 4th of July weekend, why not attend the annual 4th of July Celebration with your neighbors and share some food and fun!

**Friday, July 4, 2014**

**5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

### **Madera Vista**

Please bring a dish to share, either a side dish (salad, vegetable, etc.) or a dessert.

Your HOA will provide  
fried chicken & all service items.

Please make reservations with Lynn  
Chisholm by July 1<sup>st</sup> @ 777-8334 or  
E-mail – [arichizona@cox.net](mailto:arichizona@cox.net)

## Arizona Fascinating Facts

- Arizona has 3,928 mountain peaks and summits—more mountains than any one of the other Mountain States (Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming).
- All New England, plus the state of Pennsylvania would fit inside Arizona.
- Arizona became the 48th state and last of the contiguous states on February 14, 1912.

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## **Meeting Reminders**

As a reminder to all, there is no Board of Director or Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meetings scheduled in July or August.

During these two months, please call one of the Board of Directors if you have any homeowner concern that requires immediate attention. For ARC items that may require action before their next meeting in September, please contact Dave Churchill.

For planning purposes, our 2015 Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 18, 2015, at Las Campanas @ 6:00 p.m. with a Potluck at 5:00 p.m. We publish more information about the annual meeting as it gets closer to this date.

## **Did You Know?**

- 11% of people are left handed.
- August has the highest percentage of births.
- Unless food is mixed with saliva you can't taste it.
- The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes.
- A bear has 42 teeth.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Most lipsticks contain fish scales.
- No two corn flakes look the same
- Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.

## **2014 HOA Board Members**

President - Jim Chisholm

Vice President - Pete Mundy

Secretary - Marsha Barnes

Treasurer - Ed Davis

Member-at-Large – Dave Churchill

## **2014 Officers (non-Board members)**

Assistant Treasurer - Donna Severidt

## **2014 Committee Chairs**

Architectural Review: Dave Churchill

Audit: Tom Six

Common Area/Median Maintenance:  
Jim Chisholm

Food Bank: Sandy Churchill

Neighborhood Watch: Fred Fischer

Social: Lynn Chisholm

## **2014 Special Representatives**

GVC Representative: Dave Churchill

GVC Traffic & Arroyos Committee:  
Donna Severidt

## **Webmaster**

Jim Chisholm and Dave Churchill

The Ridgerunner is your avenue of sharing news and events that may affect our neighborhood. Our newsletter is produced by Christine Bohannon. Please submit any news items to Christine at [Kittiecity@aol.com](mailto:Kittiecity@aol.com)